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# **EL MONTE CELEBRATES STIMULUS DONE RIGHT AT GARVEY COURT GROUNDBREAKING**

**El Monte** – Federal, State, County and City officials kicked off a long-awaited revitalization of a site on Garvey Avenue today at the groundbreaking of Garvey Court, a 69-unit apartment and mixed-use project, focused on improving the health and health care for El Monte seniors.

Officials attending the ceremony hailed the wellness-focused housing, the first of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley, as a great model and one that meets local needs for housing, health care, jobs and community development in a single stroke.

“Seniors on a fixed income will have an attractive new housing option they can afford, they will be healthier, and people looking for work will be able to find jobs,” said El Monte Mayor Pro Tem Patricia A. Wallach. “It’s a win-win-win for our community.” Wallach said.

Garvey Court was made possible, in part, as a result of a \$10 million stimulus grant from a Federal program put in place to encourage investment in neighborhoods hit hard by the economic crisis. The project on a formerly foreclosed property at 10117 E. Garvey Ave. is exactly the kind of neighborhood-serving project envisioned when Congress created the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Locally, the project is expected to reduce demand on County health resources. Twenty-five percent of the units will be reserved for frequent users of the County’s health system. With on-site health services and a focus on wellness, the project is expected to mean fewer hospital trips for residents and others in the community.

Domus Development, a California-based company specializing in helping communities transform abandoned and neglected properties, worked with state, county and local officials to design a project to meet a full range of local needs -- and patch together complicated private and public financing.

“We’re incredibly excited to be a part of a project that adds so much value to the El Monte community,” said Domus principal Jason A. Hobson. “We believe Garvey Court will be an important part of this neighborhood’s revitalization,” Hobson said.

Domus forecasts that project will be completed and available for occupancy in early 2012.

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